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SUBJ: SPECIAL SESSION UNGA--SENEGALESE OFFICIAL STRESSES UN
RESTRUCTURING

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1. IN AUGUST 21 CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS SALOUM
KANDE (MEMBER OF SENEGAL'S DELEGATION TO 7TH SPECIAL
UN SESSION) ATTACHED STRONG IMPORTANCE TO SPECIAL SESSION
AGENDA ITEM ON RESTRUCTURING UN. HE SPOKE OF NEED TO
STRENGTHEN AND DECENTRALIZE UNDP, DELEGATING MORE
AUTHORITY TO RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES. HE ALSO DISCUSSED
EFFORT TO TRANSFORM UNIDO INTO FULL-FLEDGED SPECIALIZED
AGENCY OF UN. KANDE SPOKE IN GENERAL TERMS OF NEED TO
RESTRUYURE UN TO REFLECT INTERESTS OF LDCS WHO WERE
NOT PRESENT AT CREATION, PARTICULARLY CEITICIZING
EXISTING VETO PROVISIONS IN SECURITY COUNCIL AND CALLING
THE VETO A PRIVILEGE TO WHICH AFRICAN NATIONS COULD NOT ASPIRE
UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS.

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2. KANDE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM TWO-DAY POST-KAMPALA

SESSION IN ADDIS ABABA WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN HELD TO HARMONIZE OAU POSITIONS ON EVE LIMA CONFERENCE AND SPECIAL SESSION. HE SAID THAT THROUGH POSSIBLE "NEGLIGENCE" OF OAU SECRETARIAT, DISCUSSION OF DESIRED UN RESTRUCTURING HAD NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY PREPARED OR CARRIED OUT AT ADDIS, AND OAU AND ECA SECRETARIATS HAD THEREFORE BEEN CHARGED WITH PREPARATION OF POSITION PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION BY OAU MINISTERS IN LIMA OR AT BEGINNING OF SPECIAL SESSION. KANDE INITIALLY PROMISED EMBASSY COPY OF AOU WORKING PAPER ON SPECIFIC UN RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS AND OTHER SPECIAL SESSION TOPICS, BUT APPEARS TO HAVE CHANGED HIS MIND, AS MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE EVADED OUR SUBSEQUENT ENQUIRIES CONCERNING PROMISED PAPERS.

3. KANDE ALSO INFORMED CHARGE THAT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CABINET DIRECTOR YOUSSEPH SYLLA, WHO SERVED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF DAKAR COMMODITIES CONFERENCE, WILL JOIN SENEGALESE DELEGATION TO SPECIAL SESSION. PARTIAL REASON FOR KANDE'S EMPHASIS ON RESTRUCTURING UN TO EXCLUSION OF OTHER ISSUES MAY HAVE BEEN HIS RECOGNITION THAT TONE AND SUBSTANCE OF SENEGAL'S POSITION WILL BE SET BY SYLLA AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, BY FINANCE MINISTER BABACAR BA, WHO WILL HEAD SENEGAL'S SPECIAL SESSION DELEGATION. EMBASSY IS SEEKING OPPORTUNITY TO SOUND OUT FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS ON THEIR SPECIAL SESSION EXPECTATIONS.

4. KANDE'S OFFICE ASKED CHARGE TO PROVIDE INDICATION OF US POSITION CONCERNING PLACE OF UNIDO IN UN, AND EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING BACKGROUND WHICH WE CAN PASS ON TO MINISTRY.
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